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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECOGNIZING OPTICAL DISCS, OPTICAL DISC DRIVE,
AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISTINGUISHING DATA STORAGE LAYER
which is:

- an Original; or
a Continuation, Divisional, or Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. filed.
Anticipated Group/Art Unit: or Class , Subclass .
 This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No. ,
filed .

Enclosed are:

- Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 138 pages.
 46 sheets of drawings (formal).
 Application Data Sheet.
 Newly executed Declaration (copy).
 Copy of Declaration from prior application.
 Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
 Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
 Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
 Computer readable copy Paper Copy Verified Statement.
 Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
 Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
 Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2003-082401 filed March 25, 2003 is
filed: herewith or in prior application .

- Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as an Independent Inventor, or a Small Business Concern, or a Non-Profit Organization.
- Preliminary Amendment.
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and cited references.
- Request for Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)
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